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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for determining the optimum macronutrient content of a diet for an individual companion animal, the method comprising:
 - providing to said animal food compositions which provide an enriched source of fat, protein and/or carbohydrate, such that said animal can select and consume preferred quantities of said food compositions in order to achieve an optimum consumption of fat, protein and carbohydrate;
 - allowing said animal to consume preferred quantities of fat, protein and carbohydrate from said compositions;
 - and determining, from the consumed amount of fat, protein and carbohydrate from said compositions, the optimum macronutrient content of a diet for said individual animal.
2. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The method, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the food compositions which provide an enriched source of protein, fat and carbohydrate are provided as two or more different compositions, each composition having differing levels of at least protein and fat.
3. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The method, as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the compositions which provide an enriched source of fat, protein or carbohydrate are dried, wet or semi-moist food products.
4. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The method, as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-3, which includes a learning phase of a period of 3 days, or more.
5. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The method, as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-4, wherein the source of fat comprises from 50 to 75% fat on a fat:energy ratio.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The method, as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-5, wherein the source of protein comprises from 50 to 75% protein on a protein:energy ratio.
7. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The method, as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-6, wherein the source of carbohydrate comprises from 25 to 50% carbohydrate on a carbohydrate:energy ratio.
8. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The method as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-7, wherein the companion animal is a cat, dog, horse, fish or bird.
9. (Currently amended) An optimised macronutrient diet, for an individual animal, determined by a method ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1-8~~ comprising the steps of:
 - providing to said animal food compositions which provide an enriched source of fat, protein and/or carbohydrate, such that said animal can select and consume preferred quantities of said food compositions in order to achieve an optimum consumption of fat, protein and carbohydrate;
 - allowing said animal to consume preferred quantities of fat, protein and carbohydrate from said compositions;
 - and determining, from the consumed amount of fat, protein and carbohydrate from said compositions, the optimum macronutrient content of a diet for said individual animal.
10. (Currently amended) ~~A~~The optimised macronutrient diet, as claimed in claim 9, which comprises two or more differing foodstuffs.